

**JUNE  
2019,  
FIRST  
YEAR  
OF  
THE  
REIWA  
ERA,  
HINAMI-  
ZAWA  
VILLAGE.**



**CRACKLE  
CRACKLE**

**CRACKLE**



*I TRUSTED HER.*



*EVEN IN THIS VERY MOMENT, I TRUST HER.*

*...THEY SAY THERE ARE NO HUMAN BEINGS THAT CAN'T  
UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER.*



*GAZING AT THE STARRY SKY WITH YOU WAS  
SUPPOSED TO BE BEAUTIFUL.*











幕<sup>まく</sup>が<sup>が</sup>上<sup>あ</sup>がる<sup>がる</sup>!!

再<sup>ふた</sup>び<sup>た</sup>惨<sup>さん</sup>劇<sup>げき</sup>の<sup>の</sup>

令<sup>れい</sup>和<sup>わ</sup>の<sup>の</sup>雛<sup>ひな</sup>見<sup>み</sup>沢<sup>ざわ</sup>

The curtain rises on another  
tragedy in Hinamizawa, in  
the Reiwa era!

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Higurashi no Naku Koro ni Rei  
Oniokoshi-hen

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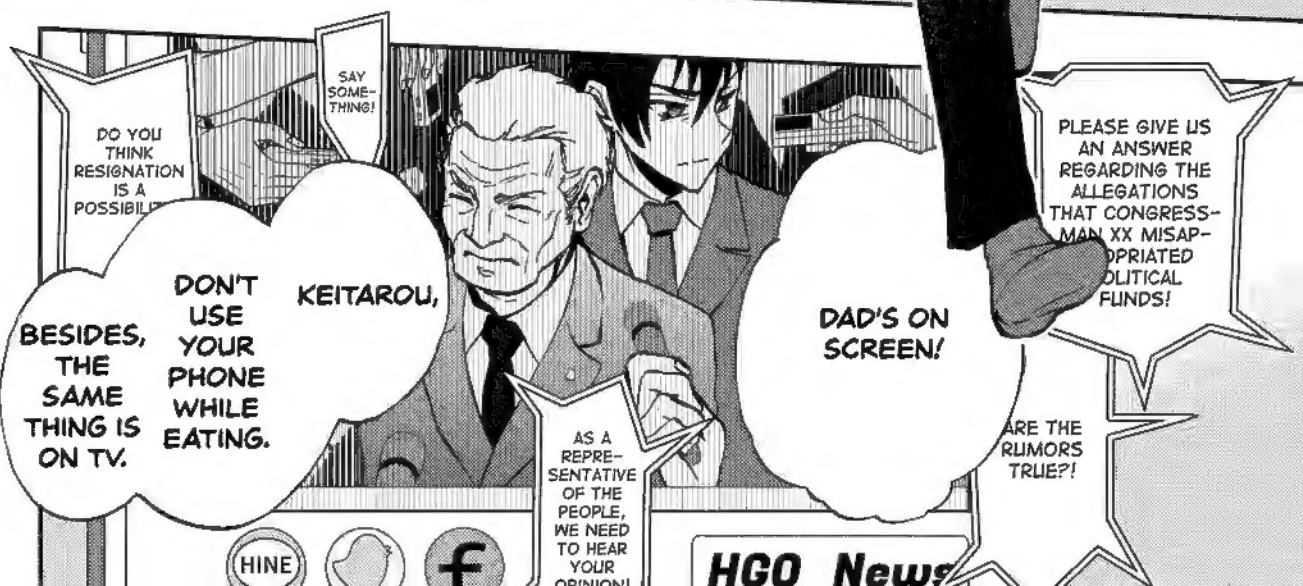
Hoshiwatashi-  
hen, also releasing  
simultaneously in  
Big Gangan Monthly!

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Higurashi no **Naku** Koro ni **Rei**  
Oniokoshi-hen









IF NOT  
FOR THESE  
TROUBLES, THE  
WHOLE FAMILY  
WOULD BE  
ENJOYING OUR  
NEW LIFE  
TOGETHER IN  
HINAMIZAWA.

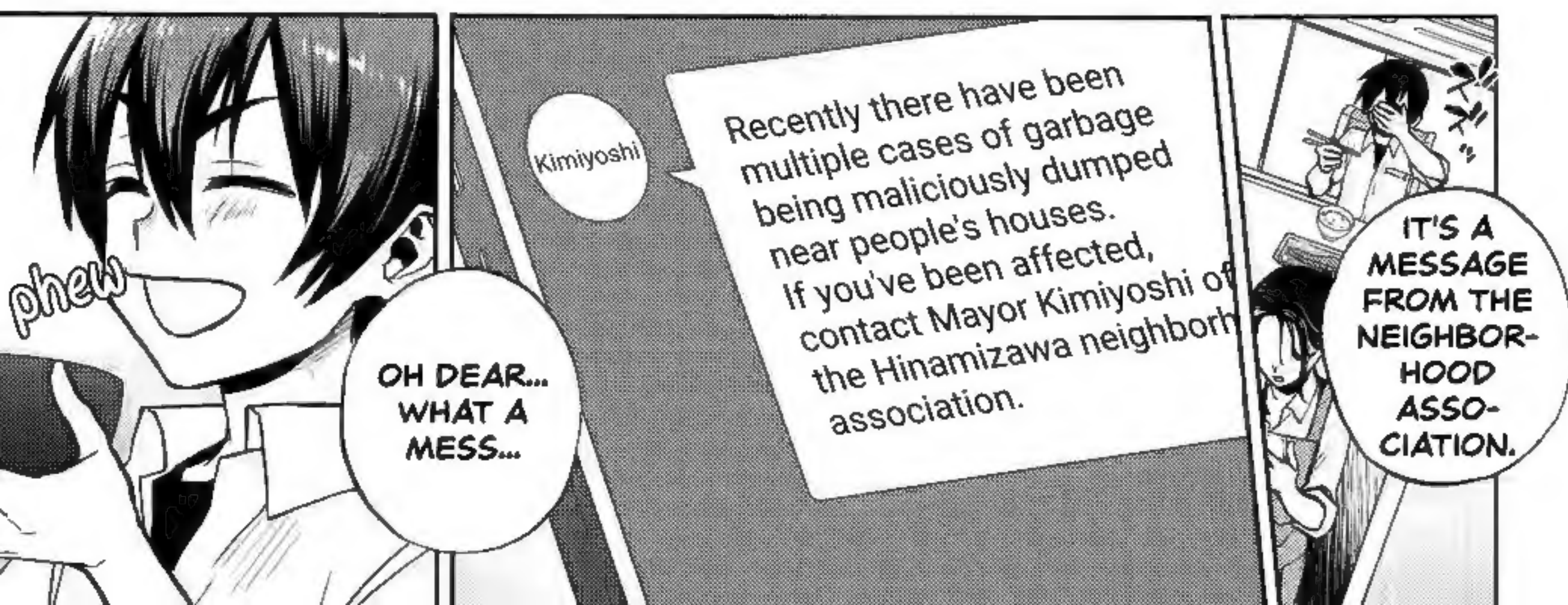
SEEMS  
LIKE DAD'S  
HAVING A  
TOUGH TIME.



IT'LL BE ALRIGHT,  
YOUR FATHER IS  
ESPECIALLY  
GOOD AT  
HANDLING  
SITUATIONS LIKE  
THESE.

OH  
MY!

...I REALLY  
HOPE DAD ISN'T  
BEING HIT WITH  
FALSE  
ACCUSATIONS  
AS THE  
SECRETARY  
AND SET UP AS  
THE FALL GUY.



phew

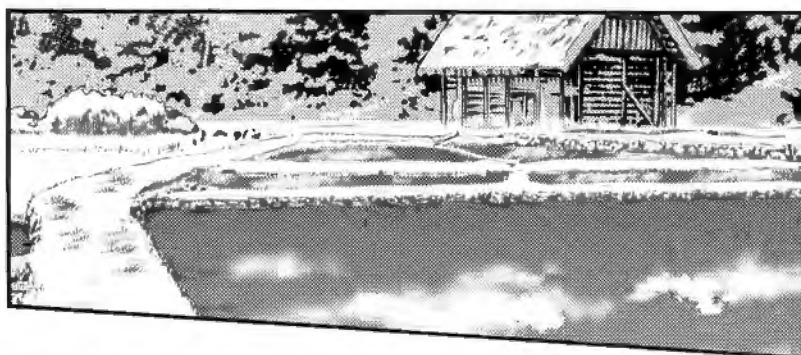
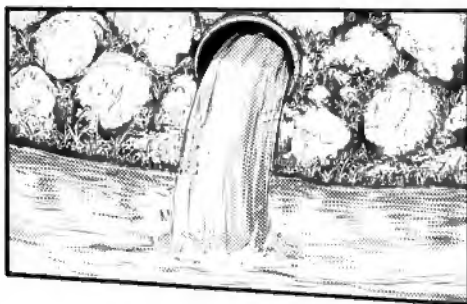
OH DEAR...  
WHAT A  
MESS...

Kimiyoshi

Recently there have been  
multiple cases of garbage  
being maliciously dumped  
near people's houses.  
If you've been affected,  
contact Mayor Kimiyoshi of  
the Hinamizawa neighborh  
association.

IT'S A  
MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
NEIGHBOR-  
HOOD  
ASSO-  
CIATION.









MY BELOVED  
HINAMIZAWA!



stretch  
YEP!

I'VE  
ALREADY  
GOTTEN  
USED TO  
THIS  
ATMOS-  
PHERE!



OH?



Hinami-  
zawa

sneak





KAYTARO!  
CUT IT  
OUT~!

AAAHH!

WAWAWAH!

I WAS BITTEN  
BY BUGS, IT  
WAS TIRING,  
AND IT WAS  
REALLY BORING.  
ACTUALLY, IT  
WAS AWFUL!

ACTUALLY,  
I'VE BEEN  
HERE SINCE  
LAST NIGHT!

I WAS  
LAYING LOW,  
PLANNING  
TO GIVE YOU  
A COOL  
MORNING  
GREETING  
FROM BEHIND,  
KIHIRO!



ALL  
BECAUSE I  
WANTED  
TO SEE  
THAT LOOK  
OF SHOCK  
ON YOUR  
FACE,  
KIHIRO!

SINCE  
LAST  
NIGHT?!

YEAH, ALL  
THE WAY  
SINCE LAST  
NIGHT!





YOUR  
PRANKS  
ARE MORE  
THAN MY  
HEART CAN  
TAKE...

C-

COME  
ON, STOP  
SAYING  
THESE  
THINGS.

YOU'RE  
MEAN,  
KAYTARO.

...HMM?



000  
EVAL-  
UATING...

EVAL-  
UATING...



WAIT, WOULD  
EVEN SOMEONE  
LIKE KAYTARO BE  
WILLING TO  
WAIT OUTSIDE  
ALL NIGHT JUST  
FOR A PRANK  
LIKE THIS?





WA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA!

THAT'S  
A LIE!



WELL...  
I DON'T  
DISLIKE  
HEARING  
YOU  
SAY  
THESE  
THINGS...

YOU DON'T  
NEED TO GO  
THAT FAR.  
WHAT IF  
YOU GOT  
HURT...?



BUT MAYBE  
IT'LL BE TRUE  
NEXT TIME?!



HE'S  
MY BEST  
FRIEND!  
HIS NAME  
IS KIIRO  
AND THE  
RYUUGU.  
SON OF MY  
DAD'S  
FRIEND,  
AUNT  
RENA.

AFTER ALL,  
I HAVE IT IN  
ME TO PULL  
AN ALL-  
NIGHTER  
JUST TO  
SURPRISE  
YOU, KIIRO!



YOU'RE ALL SO CUTE~  
I WANNA TAKE YOU ALL HOME!

AND  
HER  
SON,  
KIHRO,

BUT  
IT'S SCARY  
HOW  
QUICKLY  
SHE'S  
ABLE TO  
SEE  
THROUGH  
EVEN  
LITTLE  
LIES.

THAT'S  
A LIE!

SHE  
WAS  
ALWAYS  
TAKING  
CARE  
OF US.

AUNT  
RENA IS  
A VERY  
KIND  
AND  
ENER-  
GETIC  
AUNT,  
AND I  
LOVE  
HER.

RUN  
AWAY!

HE'S  
FUN TO  
MESS  
AROUND  
WITH!

NO WAY!

COME ON.. CUT IT OUT  
ALREADY, KAYTARO!

IS A  
COOL AND  
SENSIBLE  
GUY (OR HE  
TRIES TO  
BE. IT'S  
OBVIOUS  
BASED ON  
OUR LONG  
TIME  
TOGETHER).

BUT I  
DON'T  
REALLY  
KNOW...

HMM... I DON'T  
KNOW FOR SURE,  
BUT... I BET IT'S  
LIKE THIS... YOU  
GRAB LIKE SO,  
THEN SQUEEZE,  
AND **BAM!** TAKE  
THEM OUT IN  
ONE BLOW...?

OKAY?

I KNOW ABOUT  
THE STOMACH  
AND THE WALLET,  
BUT WHAT ABOUT  
THE THIRD BAG?







YEAH,  
THAT'S  
PROBABLY  
THE  
RIGHT  
ANGLE.

BUT I'M  
NOT A  
BOY, SO I  
COULDN'T  
KNOW  
FOR  
SURE.

....!

AGH!

SQUEEZE

THE HEART?  
IF YOU MEAN  
THE ORGAN,  
IT SEEMS  
PRETTY  
CRUSHED.

AAAGH!  
RRGHHH!!

HOW ARE YOU  
HOLDING UP,  
KEITAROU?  
DOES IT FEEL  
LIKE YOU'VE  
BEEN  
GRABBED BY  
THE HEART?

IT'S A REAL  
PROBLEM  
IF I CAN'T  
PRODUCE  
AN HEIR!

THAT'S  
NO  
GOOD?

EVEN IF  
THAT DID  
LET YOU  
GRASP THE  
HEART, I  
THINK THAT  
WOULD PUT  
A HALT TO  
CHILD-  
BIRTH,  
TAMAKI...

IS IT  
LIKE  
THIS?  
OR  
MAYBE  
LIKE  
THAT?

I JUST  
WANT TO BE  
ABLE TO  
GRASP THE  
HEART OF  
MY FUTURE  
HUSBAND,  
SO I'M  
PRACTICING  
GRABBING  
THE THREE  
BAGS!

HUH...?



**YOU  
LIAR!  
YOU  
LIAR!**

OH MY,  
THERE'S  
BEEN A  
MISUNDER-  
STANDING.  
THERE'S NO  
WAY I COULD  
CONVINCE  
HER TO DO  
SOMETHING  
SO VULGAR~!

**OH  
HO  
HO  
HO!**

ARE  
YOU  
PUSHING  
TAMAKI  
TO DO  
WEIRD  
STUFF  
AGAIN?!

**SAKI-  
KOO  
OO!**

ASSESS-  
MENT.

I  
WOULDN'T  
TELL A  
LIE,  
WOULD  
I...?

OH  
NO,  
KIHI-  
RO-  
SAN...

EVAL-  
UATING...

EVAL-  
UATING...

**THAT'S  
A LIE!**

**KIHIRO KNUCKLE**

*The piercing fist he inherited from  
his mother!*



THIS IS  
SAKIKO  
KIMIYOSHI.

AAH~  
AAH!

Y-YEAH,  
I GUESS  
CUTESY  
GLANCES DON'T  
REALLY WORK  
AGAINST  
KIHIRO.

AUNT  
SATOKO RUNS A  
SOUVENIR SHOP,  
AND SHE AND  
SAKIKO SERVE  
AS SIGNBOARD  
GIRLS  
ATTRACTING  
CUSTOMERS TO  
THE SHOP.

SHE'S  
THE  
DAUGHTER  
OF AUNT  
SATOKO,  
WHO  
MARRIED  
INTO THE  
KIMIYOSHI  
FAMILY.

BUT  
SHE'S SO  
POWERFUL  
YOU  
WANT TO  
CALL HER  
THAT!

WAIT, IS IT  
OKAY TO  
CALL A  
MARRIED  
MOTHER A  
"GIRL?!"

SPECIAL  
MAID  
COSPLAY





UGH~ THE  
SUNDAY AFTER  
A HOLIDAY IS  
SO DULL~

I MEAN, I  
HELP OUT  
IN THE  
STORE,

SHOULDN'T I  
GET SOME  
TIME OFF?

SHE'S AN  
OUTRAGEOUS  
GIRL,  
ESPECIALLY  
GOOD AT  
FLATTERING  
OTHERS,  
MAKING  
FLIRTY EYES,  
AND CAJOLING  
PEOPLE.

AT FIRST  
GLANCE, HER  
DAUGHTER  
SAKIKO  
SEEMS LIKE  
A BEAUTIFUL  
GIRL WHO  
SPEAKS LIKE  
A NOBLE  
LADY.

BUT  
THAT'S  
STRICTLY  
PART OF  
THE  
JOB!

PLEASE  
COME IN!  
HAVE A  
LOOK  
AROUND!

GUESS  
THERE'S  
REALLY NO  
SHORTCUT  
TO  
GRASPING A  
MAN'S HEART.

SORRY  
KEI-  
TAROU.

TAMAKI,  
YOU'RE  
REALLY  
POPULAR  
WITH THE  
BOYS, SO YOU  
DON'T NEED  
TO BE IN A  
HURRY. BUT  
PLEASE...

WHA?!

YOU  
TRICKED  
ME?!






THIS GIRL  
IS TAMAKI  
SONOZAKI.

AUNT  
MION'S  
ONLY  
DAUGHTER.

**MENACING**




NEVER  
USE  
THAT  
TECH-  
NIQUE  
AGAIN,  
OR IT'LL  
MEAN  
THE END  
OF THE  
SONO-  
ZAKI  
FAMILY!

OKAY!

I CAN'T LET  
THE SONOZAKI  
FAMILY BE  
DESTROYED  
WITH MY  
GENERATION!



SHE REALLY  
WANTED A  
BOY, SO SHE  
WAS ALWAYS  
ESPECIALLY  
SWEET TO  
ME.



AUNT  
MION  
WOULD  
ALWAYS  
SMILE AND  
WATCH  
OVER US.

WHEN WE  
WOULD RUN  
AROUND  
BETWEEN  
ALL THE  
THATCHED-  
ROOF  
HOUSES LIKE  
IT WAS FIELD  
DAY,



THE  
SONO-  
ZAKIS  
ARE ONE  
OF THE  
THREE  
FAMILIES  
OF  
HINAMI-  
ZAWA.

SO TAMAKI  
IS THE  
HEIR TO A  
VERY  
FAMOUS  
FAMILY.



EHEHE

I STILL  
HAVEN'T  
FOUND HIM.  
I WONDER  
WHERE MY  
FUTURE  
HUSBAND IS  
NOW AND  
WHAT HE'S  
DOING?!

MAYBE THAT'S  
WHY TAMAKI  
IS SO ENTHU-  
SIASTIC ABOUT  
FINDING A  
HUSBAND AND  
HAVING LOTS  
OF KIDS.

INCI-  
DENTALLY,  
DOES  
THAT  
MEAN  
KAYTARO  
ISN'T  
A CANDI-  
DATE?

I'D BE SO  
HAPPY IF  
HE'S SMILING  
UNDER THIS  
SAME SKY  
RIGHT NOW !

NAH.

NOPE.

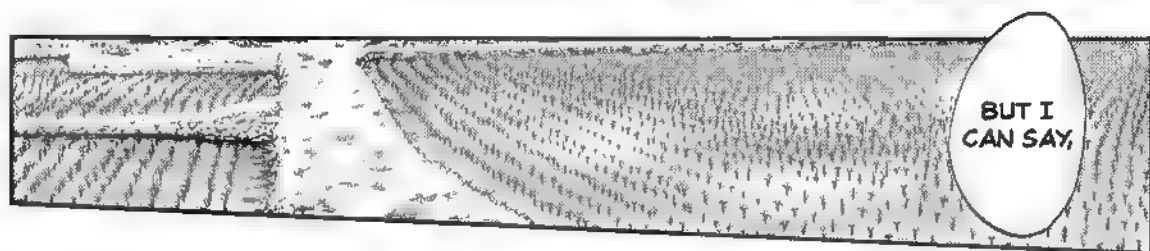
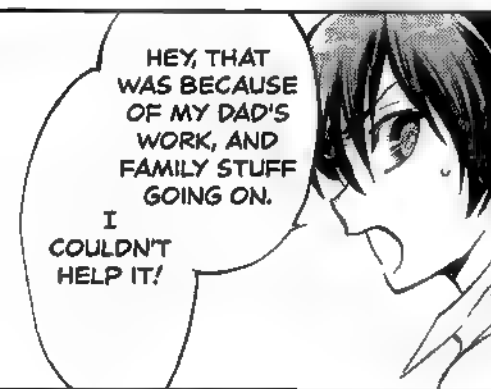
DON'T YOU  
EVER MISS  
THE CITY?

SEEMS  
LIKE  
YOU'VE  
ALREADY  
GOTTEN  
USED TO  
LIFE HERE,  
HUH?

HEY,  
KAYTARO,











I THOUGHT  
THIS IS WHAT  
IT'S LIKE TO  
HAVE  
COUSINS.

MY DAD  
WOULD BRING  
ME OVER TO  
PLAY WITH  
YOU GUYS  
EVERY  
SEASON, LIKE  
VISITING  
FAMILY.

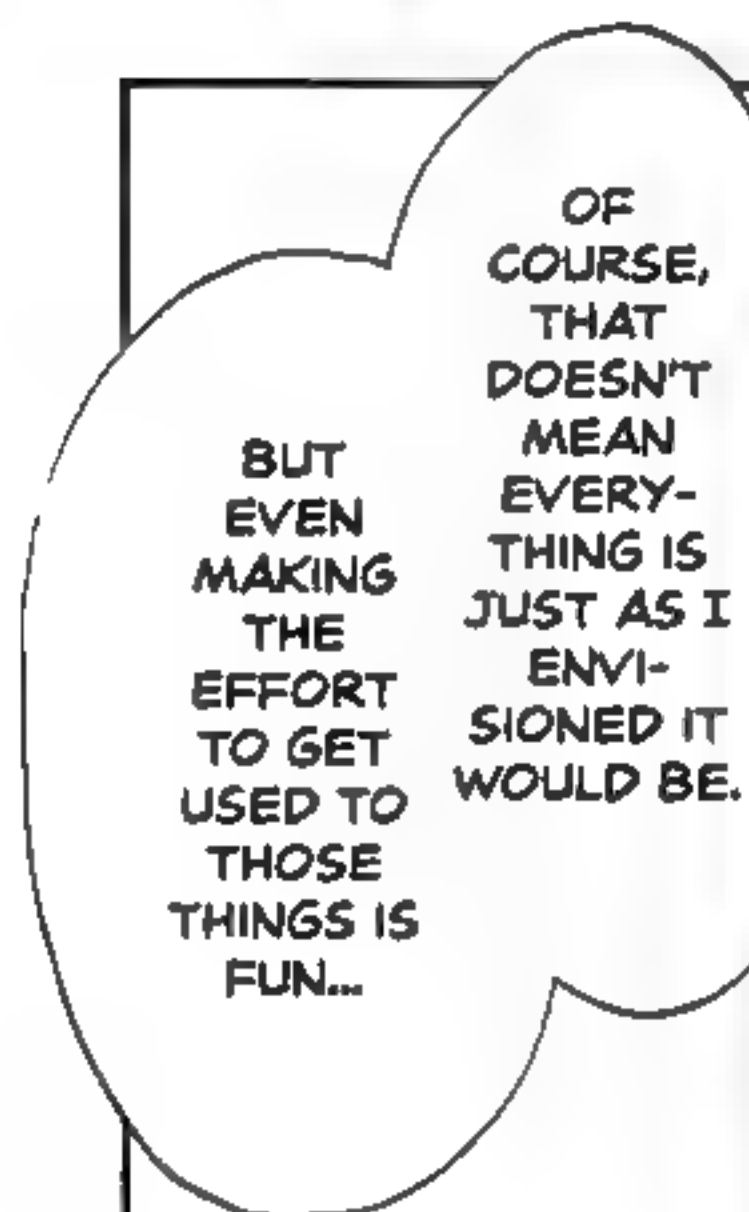


I WAS  
FRUSTRATED  
TO BE  
LIVING IN  
TOKYO.

ANY TIME I  
THINK OF THE  
VILLAGE SPIRIT,  
IT GETS MY  
HEART RACING.



AND THE  
ATMOS-  
PHERE OF  
THIS  
VILLAGE  
TOO.



BUT  
EVEN  
MAKING  
THE  
EFFORT  
TO GET  
USED TO  
THOSE  
THINGS IS  
FUN...

OF  
COURSE,  
THAT  
DOESN'T  
MEAN  
EVERY-  
THING IS  
JUST AS I  
ENVI-  
SIONED IT  
WOULD BE.

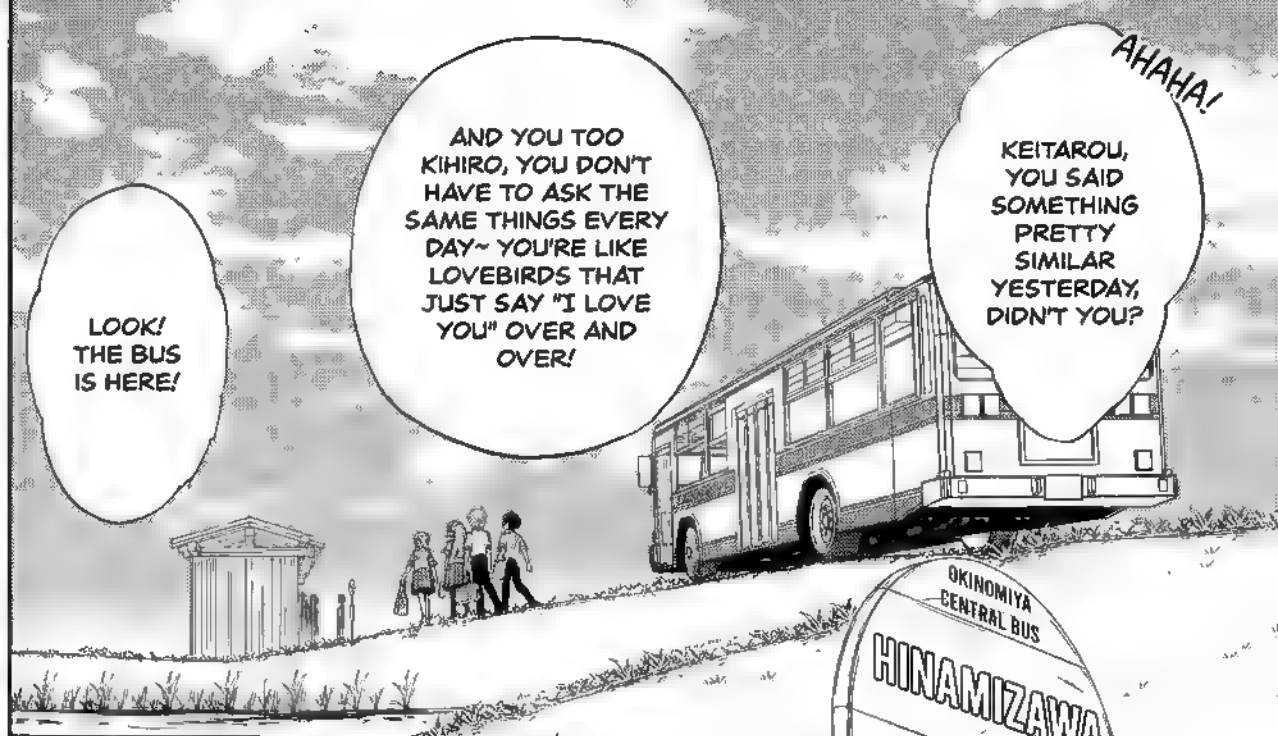


IT FEELS LIKE I'VE  
FINALLY COME  
HOME TO THE  
PLACE WHERE I'M  
MEANT TO BE.

SO LIVING  
HERE NOW,









THIS SORT OF  
SCENERY DOES  
STILL EXIST  
IN JAPAN EVEN  
IN THE REIWA  
ERA.

IT'S  
HARD TO  
BELIEVE,  
BUT,





THIS  
IS OUR  
HOME.

HINAMIZAWA  
VILLAGE.



SEEMS LIKE  
THE VILLAGE IS  
WELL ON ITS  
WAY TO  
BECOMING A  
TOURIST  
DESTINATION.

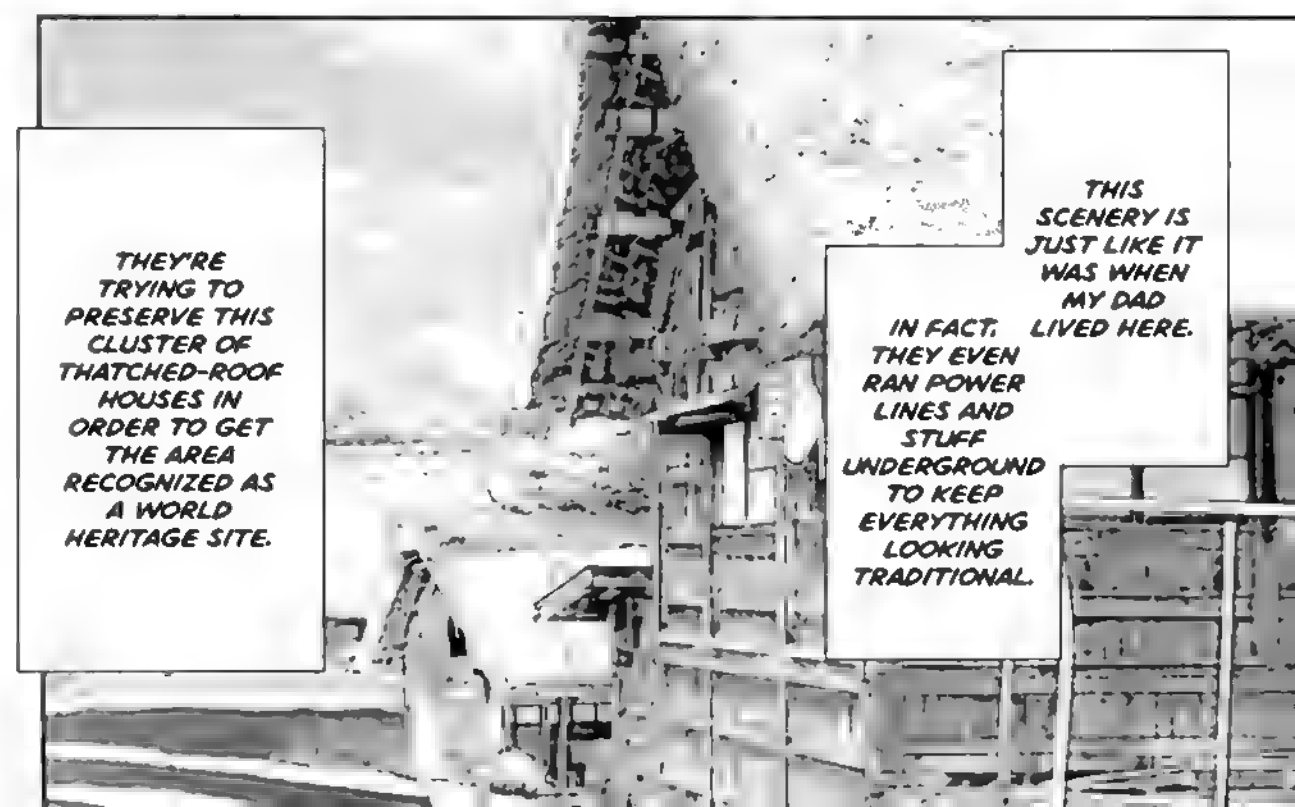
SAKIKO'S  
FATHER,  
A YOUNG  
BUSINESS-  
MAN OF  
THE  
KIMIYOSHI  
FAMILY  
AND A  
MEMBER  
OF THE  
THREE  
FAMILIES,  
HAS  
BECOME  
AN  
ADVOCATE  
FOR THE  
EFFORT.



BUT THE  
ELECTRONICS  
ARE STILL  
FULLY  
EQUIPPED  
TO  
HANDLE  
TOURISTS.



YOU CAN  
GET WI-FI  
RECEPTION  
EVEN  
INSIDE THE  
REALLY OLD  
HOUSES.



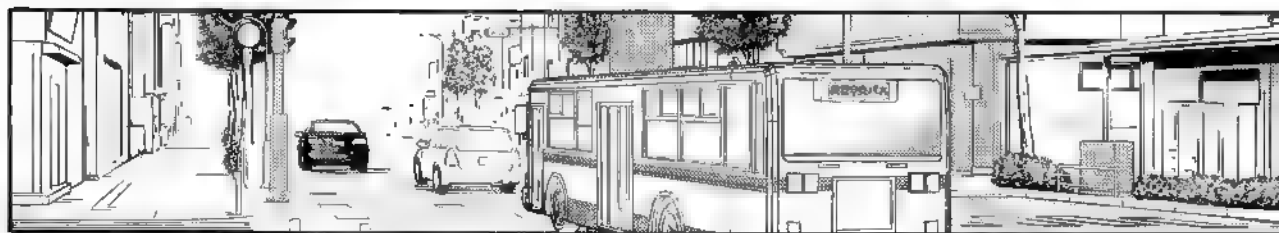
THEY'RE  
TRYING TO  
PRESERVE THIS  
CLUSTER OF  
THATCHED-ROOF  
HOUSES IN  
ORDER TO GET  
THE AREA  
RECOGNIZED AS  
A WORLD  
HERITAGE SITE.

IN FACT,  
THEY EVEN  
RAN POWER  
LINES AND  
STUFF  
UNDERGROUND  
TO KEEP  
EVERYTHING  
LOOKING  
TRADITIONAL.

THIS  
SCENERY IS  
JUST LIKE IT  
WAS WHEN  
MY DAD  
LIVED HERE.

THE  
HINAMIZAWA  
BRANCH  
SCHOOL  
THAT MY  
DAD AND HIS  
FRIENDS  
ATTENDED,  
IS LONG  
GONE.

...MEAN-  
WHILE.



WE ALL TAKE  
THE BUS TO  
THE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL IN  
OKINOMIYA.

YO,  
MAEBARA!  
MORNIN'!

HEY,  
MAEBARA-  
KUN~

MORNING!





IF ANY  
OF YOU  
ARE STILL  
SLEEPY, DO  
WAKE UP~!



GOOD  
MORNING~!  
SAKIKO  
KIMIYOSHI  
IS HERE!



THEN AT LEAST  
ORDER SOME TEA  
FROM THE SHOP?!

YOU IDIOT, THAT'S  
KIMIYOSHI-SAN'S  
DAUGHTER! DO YOU  
HAVE THE COURAGE  
TO FACE THE DON  
OF THE OKINOMIYA  
BUSINESS WORLD?!

DO YOU  
HAVE A  
BOYFRIEND?!  
A HUSB-  
BAND?!

UWAAAAH! IT'S  
KIMIYOSHI-  
SENPAI FROM  
THE SMILE  
SHOP! SHE'S  
EVEN CUTER  
THAN IN THE  
VIDEOS!

I SAW  
THE  
LATEST  
VIDEO!

THAT'S  
THE  
ONE!



TAMAKI,  
I THINK  
YOU  
HAVE AN  
EASY  
WIN  
JUST AS  
YOU ARE.

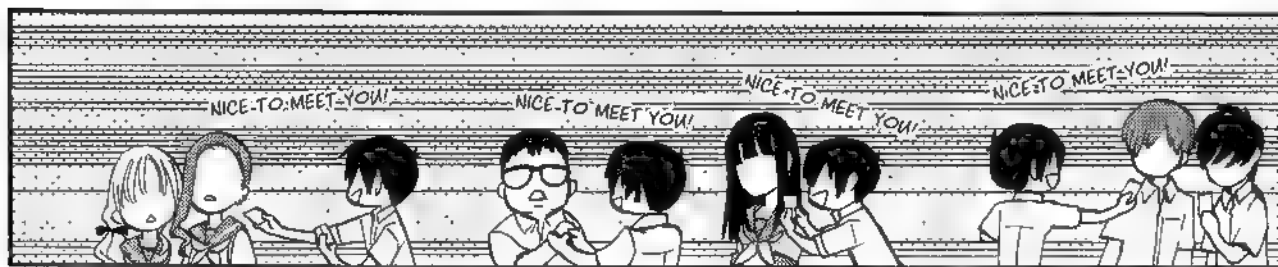
SONOZAKI-SAN'S  
HERE TODAY TOO!  
SONOZAKI-SAN'S  
SO KYOOOOT!  
SHE'S LIKE A PURE  
ANGEL... MY PICK  
SONOZAKI-SAN AND  
KIMIYOSHI-SENPAI  
ARE SO GREAT...



WHAT DO YOU  
THINK, KIIHIRO-  
CHAN? AS A  
BOY, DO YOU  
LIKE GIRLS  
LIKE SIS SAKI?

THEN,  
MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
BE MORE  
LIKE--

SAKIKO'S  
GIMMICK IS  
STUFF LIKE  
USING HER AB  
MUSCLES TO  
PULL IN HER  
STOMACH.







Maebara Kingdom

THAT'S  
A  
LIE!  
THAT'S  
A  
LIE!

KIHIRO DIDN'T  
REALIZE IT AT THE  
TIME, BUT THIS WAS  
THE FIRST STEP  
TOWARDS KEITAROU  
MAEBARA'S WORLD  
DOMINATION,  
BEGINNING FROM A  
LOCAL MIDDLE  
SCHOOL.



HEHE!

THEY SAY  
FRIENDSHIP IS  
POWER!



UHH...

SHEESH

THOSE  
REACTIONS  
OF YOURS  
ARE SO  
FUN, IT  
MAKES ME  
WANT TO  
SAY STUFF  
WITHOUT  
THINKING.

FORGIVE  
ME, OKAY?



SIMPLY PUT,  
IT'S A CLUB  
WHERE WE  
PLAY GAMES  
TOGETHER.

LISTEN  
UP  
EVERY-  
ONE!

OUR CLUB IS  
ONE WHERE  
YOU'RE  
SOMETIMES IN  
FAVORABLE  
SITUATIONS,  
AND  
SOMETIMES  
FIGHTING  
BACK AGAINST  
ADVERSITY,  
SO...



Okinomiya Middle School  
Founding Club President  
Keitarou Maebara

IT SAYS  
OKINO-  
MIYA  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL,  
FOUNDING  
CLUB  
PRESI-  
DENT...  
WHAT  
CLUB?

HEHEHE... OUR CLUB ISN'T SO SOFT!

GAMES? LIKE FIGHTING GAMES?

AND OF COURSE, THE LOSER OF EACH GAME ENDURES A HARSH PENALTY!

THERE HE GOES, KEI-TAROU LOVES CLUB ACTIVITIES. JUST LIKE HIS DAD~

OLD BACHELOR! HANAFUDA! TREASURE HUNTING TAG! USING MARKED CARDS AND TRICKERY TO SECURE VICTORY AT ANY COST!



AND THAT COULD BE YOU! WHAT DO YOU SAY?!

CURRENTLY RECRUITING CLUB MEMBERS!

OH! WELL GIVE ME A HOLLER IF YOU EVER CHANGE YOUR MIND!


SO I THINK NOT~

I DON'T PLAY GAMES LIKE THAT VERY OFTEN~

UMM... WELL...







AS LONG AS  
THE TWO OF  
US ARE IN THE  
CLUB, WE'LL  
MAKE IT FUN~!

KAYTARO!  
KAYTARO!  
I'LL PLAY  
CLUB GAMES  
WITH YOU!  
SEE, SEE?  
SO CHEER  
UP!



KAYTARO,  
YOU ALWAYS  
RECOVER  
FROM  
EVERYTHING  
QUICKLY.



THAT'S  
THE TRUE  
POWER  
OF FRIEND-  
SHIP...!

KIHIRO,  
YOU'RE  
SO KIND...  
THANKS  
TO YOU,  
I'M SURE  
I'LL BE  
BACK ON  
MY FEET  
IN NO  
TIME.



I DON'T THINK  
THAT MEANS  
YOU NEED TO  
MAKE FRIENDS  
WITH EVERY  
SINGLE PERSON  
YOU RUN INTO.



LAUNCH

LET'S GO! I'M  
KEITAROU  
MAEBARA, A  
MAN ON A  
MISSION TO  
MAKE MORE  
FRIENDS!



YOU CAN  
NEVER  
HAVE TOO  
MANY  
FRIENDS,  
BUT...



KUJIMA-KUN, SEE YOU TOMORROW!



THAT GUY IS REALLY RESERVED... I'LL HAVE TO BE READY FOR A LONG FIGHT.



LATER MAEBARA, I'LL BE ONLINE TONIGHT!

SEE YA, MAEBARA!

BYE BYE KEI-CHAN, SEE YOU TOMORROW~!

OKAY!





I WONDER  
WHAT SORT OF  
PEOPLE I'LL BE  
ABLE TO MAKE  
FRIENDS WITH  
TOMORROW?



YOUR  
FRIENDS  
ARE YOUR  
TREASURE!



LISTEN  
KEITAROU,

NEVER  
FORGET  
THAT.



THE  
STRONGEST  
POWER IS  
HARMONY  
AMONG  
PEOPLE.  
AS LONG AS  
YOU HAVE  
PEOPLE LIKE  
THAT, YOU  
CAN MAKE  
ANY MIRACLE  
HAPPEN.

AND EVEN  
DEFEAT  
FATE.











DID I  
SCARE  
HER BY  
SUDDENLY  
TALKING TO  
HER?



HUH...?



BUT ONCE  
YOU GET  
THROUGH  
TO THEM,  
THEY'RE  
ACTUALLY  
FUN  
PEOPLE,  
JUST A  
LITTLE  
AWKWARD.

THERE WERE  
PLENTY OF  
PEOPLE LIKE  
THAT, EVEN IN  
MY OLD SCHOOL.

SOMETIMES,

THERE ARE  
PEOPLE  
WHO ARE  
SHY, OR GIVE  
OFF AN AURA  
LIKE THEY  
DON'T WANT  
TO BE  
TALKED TO.



SORRY!

DIDN'T  
MEAN TO  
STARTLE  
YOU LIKE  
THAT.

MAYBE MY  
PASSION  
BURNED TOO  
BRIGHT AND IT  
BLINDED YOU?

...I GUESS  
I SHOULD  
ACT MORE  
LIKE  
KIHRO...

STEP

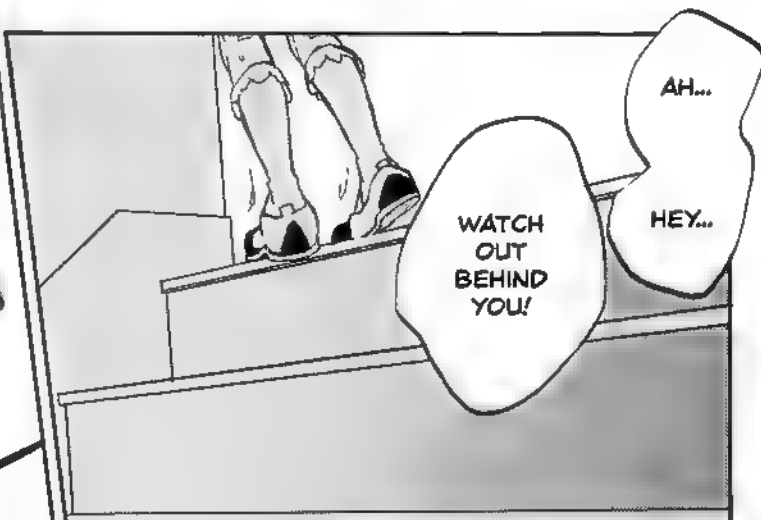


step



clench











WAIT WAIT  
WAIT... BUT  
ALL I DID  
WAS TALK  
TO HER  
NORMALLY...?



DIDN'T I JUST  
SAY A QUICK  
GREETING AND  
SOMETHING  
LIGHT?



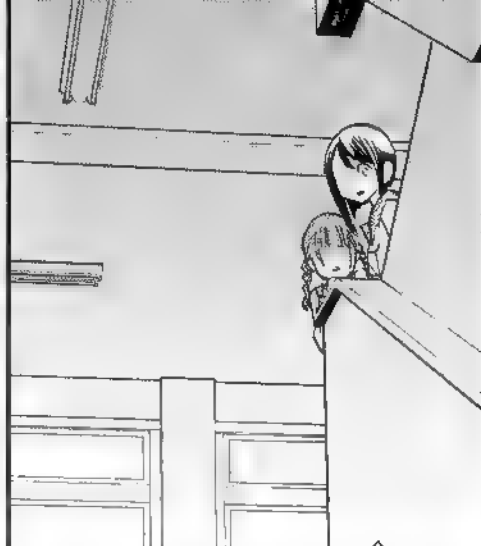
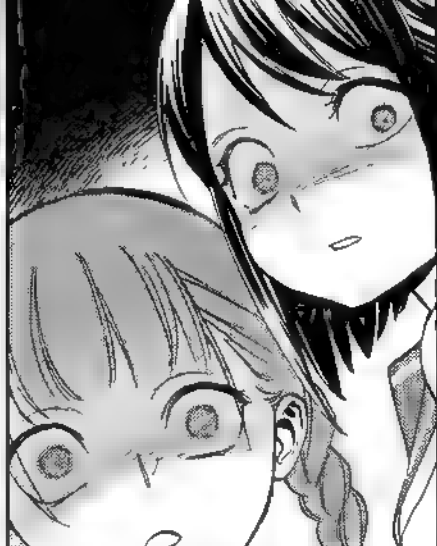
AND YET...

WHAT ABOUT  
THAT WAS  
ENOUGH TO  
MAKE HER THIS  
FRIGHTENED...?



I'M GONNA  
CARRY HER  
TO THE  
NURSE'S  
OFFICE, SO  
HELP ME  
OUT!

YOU  
THERE!  
IS THIS  
GIRL A  
FRIEND  
OF  
YOURS?!







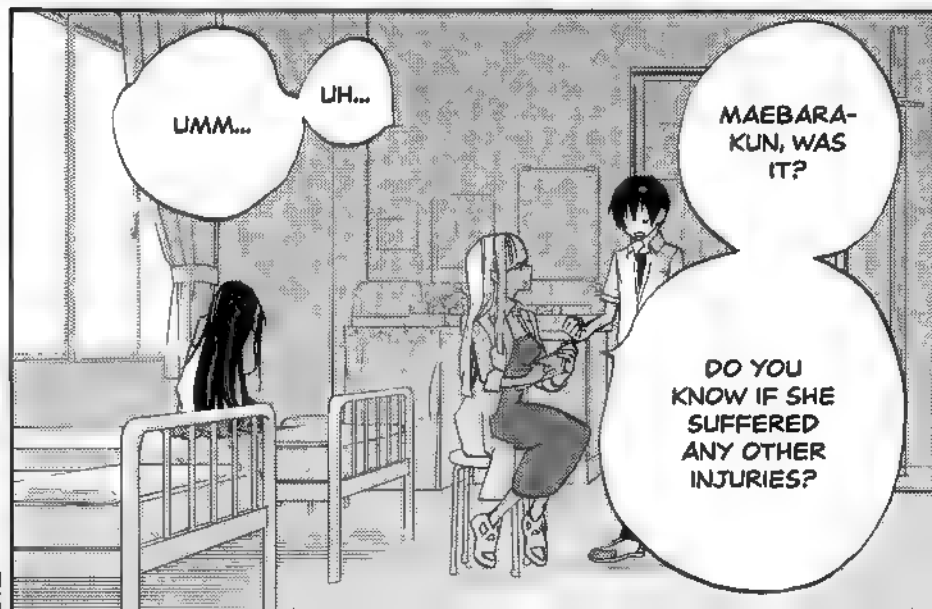
DID YOU  
GET HURT  
ANYWHERE  
ELSE?  
DID YOU  
HIT YOUR  
HEAD?



CAN YOU  
TELL ME  
YOUR  
NAME?

UM...

AH



UMM...

UH...

MAEBARA-  
KUN, WAS  
IT?

DO YOU  
KNOW IF SHE  
SUFFERED  
ANY OTHER  
INJURIES?

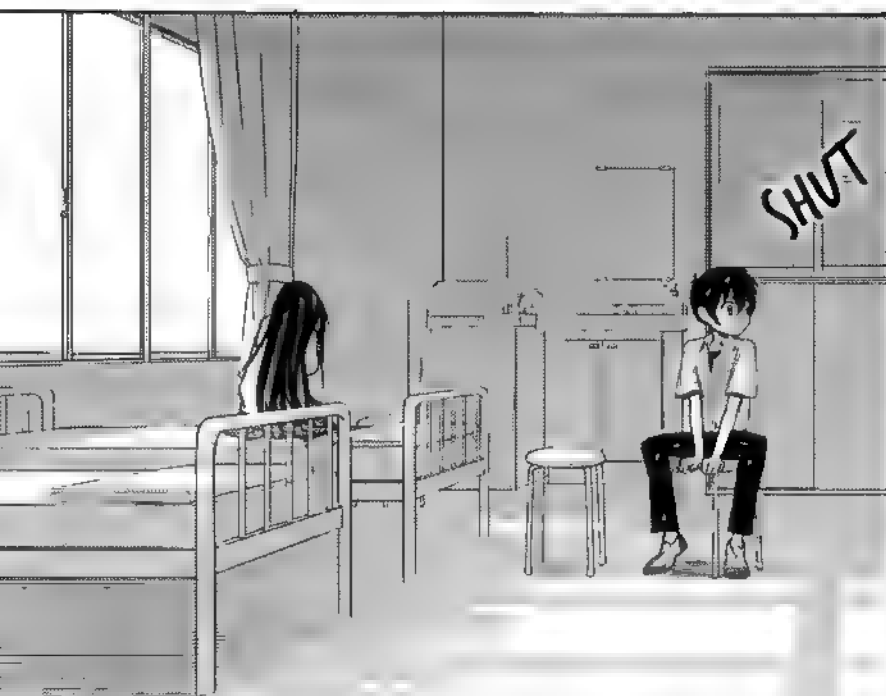
I'M GLAD  
SHE'S MOSTLY  
CALMED  
DOWN...

BUT I MEAN, I'VE  
NEVER MET A GIRL  
LIKE HER BEFORE...



SHE'S  
NOT LIKE  
THOSE  
SILENT  
CHAR-  
ACTERS  
IN  
ANIME...

AND SHE'S NOT  
INCAPABLE OF  
SPEAKING OR  
ANYTHING...



RATTLE

DOCTOR  
GATO,  
DO YOU  
HAVE A  
MINUTE...?



I'M  
SORRY  
YOU  
TWO.  
I NEED  
TO STEP  
AWAY  
FOR A  
MOMENT.







I'M CONFIDENT, AND IF YOU ALLOW ME TO KEEP A CONVERSATION GOING, I'LL STILL BE BLATHERING ON LONG AFTER THE KING OF HELL WAKES UP FROM HIS ETERNAL SLUMBER!

I LOVE PLAYING AROUND AND CHATTING WITH PEOPLE!

YOU CAN CALL ME KEITAROU!

WHY DON'T WE GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER?  
IN WHICH CASE!

AND THE VOLUME ADJUSTMENT KNOB IS OVER HERE!

WHEN YOU NEED TO MESS WITH IT, TRY TO BE GENTLE, ALL RIGHT?

BY THE WAY, THE MUTE BUTTON IS RIGHT HERE!



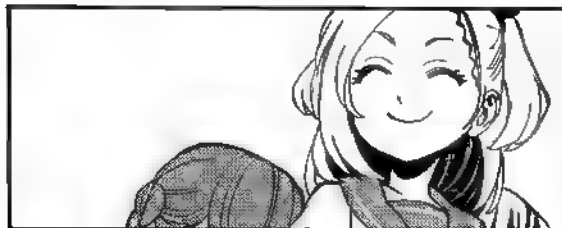




RATTLE

IS IT  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO GET  
THROUGH TO  
HER?

WHAT?  
WHAT IS  
THIS? DOES  
SHE HATE  
ME?



CAN  
YOU  
WALK?

INORI-  
CHAN,  
ARE YOU  
ALL  
RIGHT?

WHO'S  
THIS?

ANOTHER  
GIRL I  
DON'T  
KNOW...



WHY HELLO  
THERE,  
MAEBARA-  
SENPAIIII!

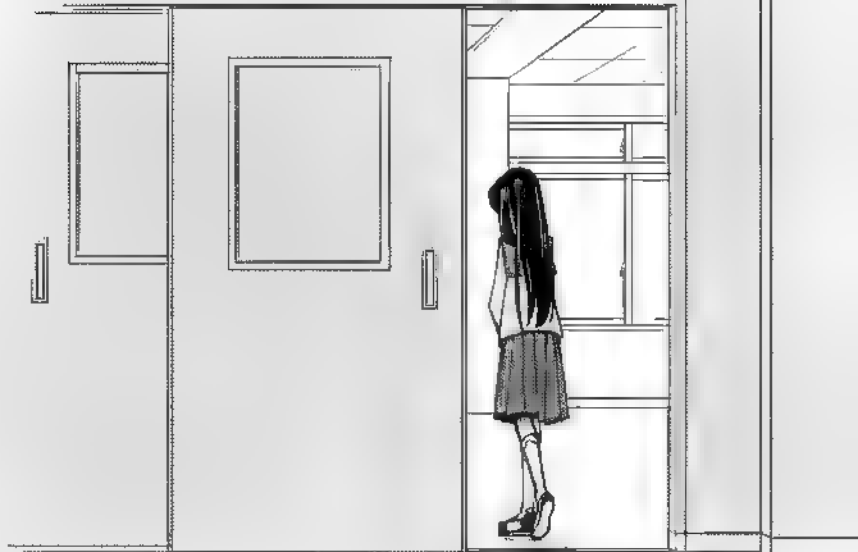
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH FOR  
CARRYING  
INORI TO THE  
NURSE'S  
OFFICE!







THAT  
FELT LIKE  
AN  
APOLOGY.



WHY  
COULDN'T  
SHE TALK  
TO ME?

WHAT  
WAS  
UP  
WITH  
THAT?

IT WASN'T  
ABOUT  
LIKES AND  
DISLIKES.  
THERE  
MUST'VE  
BEEN A  
REASON.



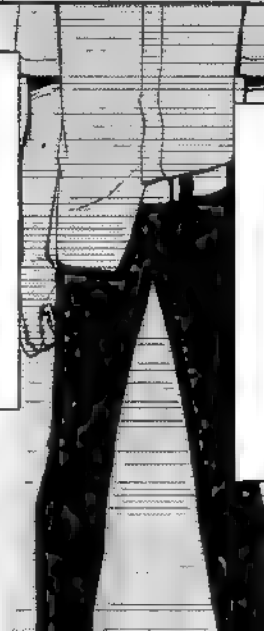
...IS  
THIS?

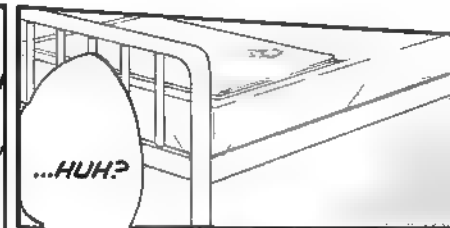
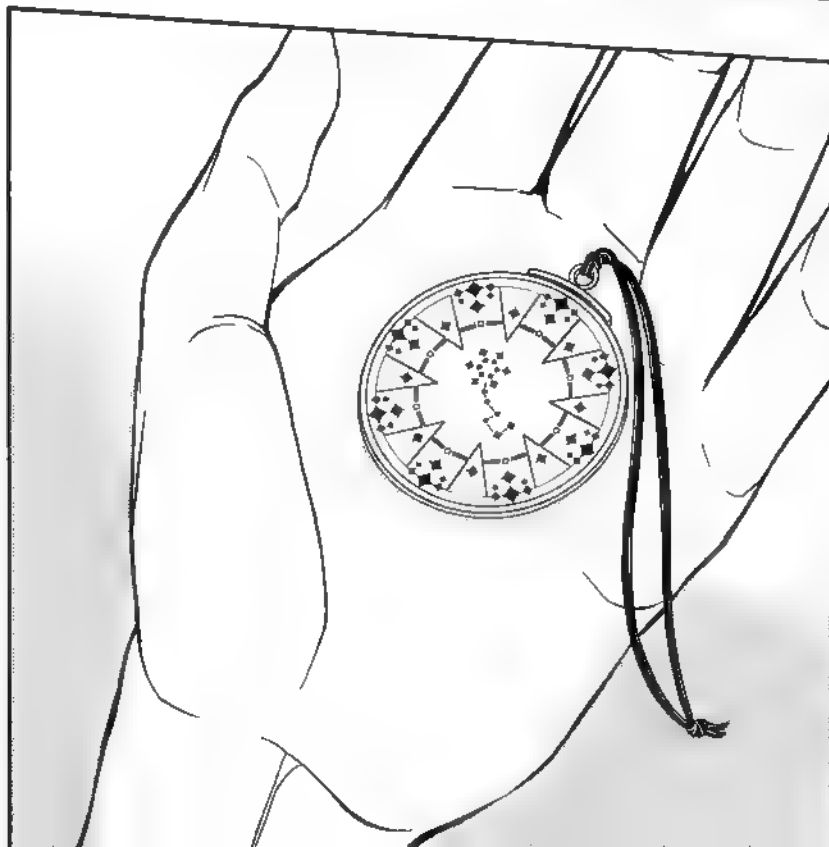
WHAT...

NO  
WAY...  
EVEN  
IN  
COMICS  
THAT  
SETUP  
PRETTY  
MUCH  
NEVER  
HAPPENS.  
...SO  
WHAT'S  
WITH  
THIS?

WHAT  
COULD  
THE  
REASON  
BE?

DOES  
HER  
FAMILY  
HAVE A  
RULE  
AGAINST  
TALKING  
WITH  
BOYS?





...HUH?

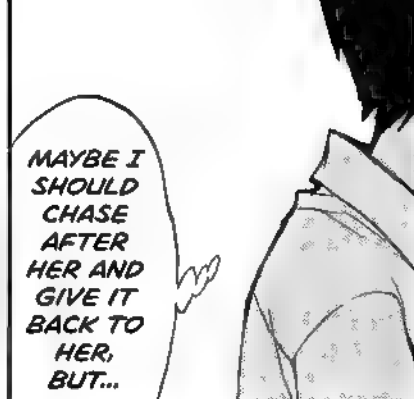


DID SHE  
DROP  
THIS?  
IT'S  
THE  
THING  
SHE  
WAS  
HOLD-  
ING.

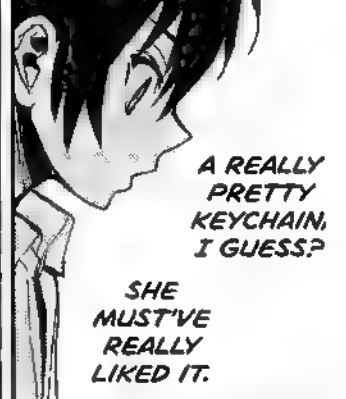




EVEN IF I  
USE IT  
AS AN  
EXCUSE  
TO  
SHE'LL  
BE  
UPSET.  
TALK  
TO  
HER  
AGAIN,



MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
CHASE  
AFTER  
HER AND  
GIVE IT  
BACK TO  
HER,  
BUT...



A REALLY  
PRETTY  
KEYCHAIN,  
I GUESS?

SHE  
MUST'VE  
REALLY  
LIKED IT.



HUH?

SHOCK

HER NAME  
IS INORI!

THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
INORI IS  
A CUTE,  
FRAGILE  
LITTLE  
GIRL.

PLUS,



OH?

MAYBE  
YOU LIKE  
QUIET  
GIRLS LIKE  
HER,  
SENPAIII?





EVEN  
IF YOU  
SHOUT AT  
HER, KICK  
HER,  
BEAT  
HER, OR  
MOCK  
HER,

WITH  
QUIET  
GIRLS  
LIKE  
HER...

NO  
MATTER  
WHAT  
TERRIBLE  
THING YOU  
DO TO HER,  
YOU CAN BE  
CERTAIN  
SHE'LL  
NEVER TELL  
ANYONE  
ABOUT IT?



MAEBARA-  
SENPAI, IS  
YOUR LIBIDO  
THAT  
ENDLESS?

YOU  
STARTED  
TALKING  
TO HER  
JUST  
BECAUSE  
OF  
SOME  
EYE  
CON-  
TACT?  
  
THEN  
ARE YOU  
GOING  
TO  
START  
UP A  
CONVER-  
SATION  
WITH  
EVERY  
GIRL IN  
THE  
WOORLD?



**HUH?!**

WE  
JUST  
HAD-  
PENED  
TO  
MAKE  
EYE  
CON-  
TACT...

DON'T SAY  
THINGS  
THAT CAN  
CAUSE  
MISUNDER-  
STANDINGS!

HUUH?!



HUH...? IS  
IT JUST MY  
IMAGINATION...?

OR DID I FEEL SOME  
EXTREME HOSTILITY FOR  
A MOMENT THERE...?



TH-THAT  
COULDN'T BE  
HELPED! AND  
NOTHING IS  
HAPPENING  
HERE!

OH,  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
TO  
HAPPEN  
TO KURU-  
RUUUU?

JUST ME,  
AND AN  
ANIMAL LIKE  
YOU, ALONE  
IN THE  
NURSE'S  
OFFICEEEE!



I MEAN,  
WHAT'S  
WITH THIS  
GIRL?

I DON'T  
REALLY  
UNDERSTAND,  
BUT SHE'S  
SEXY!

LOOK AT  
THIS LOLI  
BITCH!

SHE'S FULLY  
AWARE OF HER  
SEXINESS AND  
USING IT TO  
MAKE FUN OF  
ME!

HUH?

DO YOU  
LIVE IN  
HINAMIZAWA?

THERE'S NOT ONE  
PERSON IN HINAMIZAWA  
WHO DOESN'T KNOW  
THE SON OF VILLAGE  
CELEBRITY, MR. KEIICHI  
MAEBARA.

SO  
WHY  
DO  
YOU  
KNOW  
MY  
NAME?

YOU'RE  
FRIENDS  
WITH THE  
GIRL FROM  
EARLIER,  
RIGHT? AND  
WE'VE  
NEVER MET  
BEFORE?

"WHY...?"







ONCE AGAIN ☆  
YOU CAN CALL  
ME KURURU!

NICE TO  
MEET YOU,  
**SENPAI!** ☆



THE  
HINAMIZAWA  
BUS ONLY  
RLNS A  
COUPLE  
TIMES A  
DAY, SO A  
LOCAL  
WOULDN'T  
MISS IT...

I DIDN'T  
SEE YOU ON  
THE BUS  
THIS  
MORNING,  
THOUGH?



KURURU GETS  
DRIVEN TO  
SCHOOL IN  
HER PARENTS'  
CARRR ☆

fufu!



SOMEHOW, YOU  
DON'T FEEL MUCH  
LIKE A SENPAI  
THOUGH?

...CALLING  
YOU THAT  
SOUNDS  
REALLY  
FAMILIAR.



KYA  
HA  
HA  
HA!

**YOU  
BRAT!**



CAN YOUR MALE  
PRIDE HANDLE A  
YOUNGER GIRL  
TALKING CASUALLY  
WITH YOUUUUU?

SO IT'S  
FINE FOR  
ME TO  
TALK  
CASUALLY  
WITH YOU,  
RIGHTTT~?

GUESS  
THERE'S  
NO  
HELPING  
IT.  
YEAH!  
SEE YA!

I'M  
WAITING  
FOR  
PAPA'S  
CAR  
TODAY, SO  
IT'LL HAVE  
TO BE  
SOME  
OTHER  
TIME!

SENPAI,  
LET'S GO  
HOME  
TOGETHER  
NEXT TIME!

SHE'S A  
LITTLE  
STRANGE,  
BUT  
SHE'S  
INTER-  
ESTING.

SO A GIRL  
LIKE HER  
LIVES IN  
HINAMIZAWA  
TOO!

YO,  
KIHRO!





EXCEPT MAKING  
FRIENDS DOESN'T  
GIVE YOU A  
STOMACH ACHE  
AFTERWARDS.

YOU'RE  
LIKE A DOG  
WHO'LL PICK  
UP AND EAT  
ANYTHING.

...KAYTARO,  
YOU REALLY  
DON'T  
DISCRIMINATE  
WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
MAKING  
FRIENDS...



...CAN'T SAY  
I DISLIKE  
YOU WHEN  
YOU'RE LIKE  
THIS,  
KAYTARO.

FRIENDSHIP  
IS POWER!  
COMBAT  
POWER!  
AND I'M  
GOING TO  
BECOME THE  
STRONGEST  
MAN ON THE  
PLANET!



I'M NOT  
JEALOUS!

DON'T  
BE  
JEALOUS!


NO MATTER HOW  
MANY FRIENDS I  
MAKE, YOU AND I  
WILL NEVER STOP  
BEING FRIENDS!

AHAHA!



BUT I  
THINK A  
MORE  
MODERATE  
APPROACH  
MIGHT BE  
BETTER,  
Y'KNOW?






REALLY...  
I'M NOT  
JEALOUS.





THANKS FOR  
ASKING! TODAY  
I...

I DID!



KEITAWO-KUN,  
DID YOU HAVE  
FUN AT SCHOOL  
TODAY? HOW  
MANY FWENDS  
DID YOU MAKE?

OKAY  
CHILDREN,  
LET'S HEAD  
HOME!



SO THIS IS  
THE SON OF  
MR. MAEBARA.



...HMPH.

*AFTER THIS, I'LL COME TO KNOW...*

**...THAT A NEW TRAGEDY WILL OCCUR IN HINAMIZAWA.**



**...YES,**



*WHEN THE HIGURASHI CRY.*



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